

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: Langley Farm Inventory Number ~~20138~~ CH-901

Address: 10620 Deacon Road, Charles County - in vicinity of White Plains

Owner: Langley, Blanche H.

Tax Parcel Number: 261 Tax Map Number: 23

Project	MD 301	Agency	State Highway Administration (SHA)
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Site visit by SHA Staff: X no yes Name: Date:

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒

Criteria A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G X None

Is property located within a historic district? X no ___ yes Name of District:

Is district listed?: X no yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

10620 Deacon Road is a two-story I-house with a side-gabled roof. The house has a half-hipped roof projecting from the main elevation to create an enclosed interior space. An one-and-a-half story and a one-story additions are located off the rear elevation. The house has clapboard siding and the windows are two-over-two double hung sash windows. The barn is a one-story wood frame structure with horizontal wood siding and a front-gabled roof. The roofing material is a metal standing seam roof and two doors are located at the front gable.

Most inhabitants of Charles County were engaged in farming at the time of the first settlement. The barn was the principle building erected on a farm which provided space for cows, horses, equipment, and hay, straw or tobacco storage. Throughout the 19th century, barns increased in size or were newly built to include space for smaller animals, such as poultry and pigs, and as a place for the threshing and storage of grain. Their size also increased during the 19th century as the introduction of improved equipment led to more efficient and profitable operations, and, consequently, to increased need for storage facilities. Typically, livestock was housed on the lower level, while the upper level was reserved for the storage of hay and straw, and the threshing and storage of feed grains.

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, NR Program

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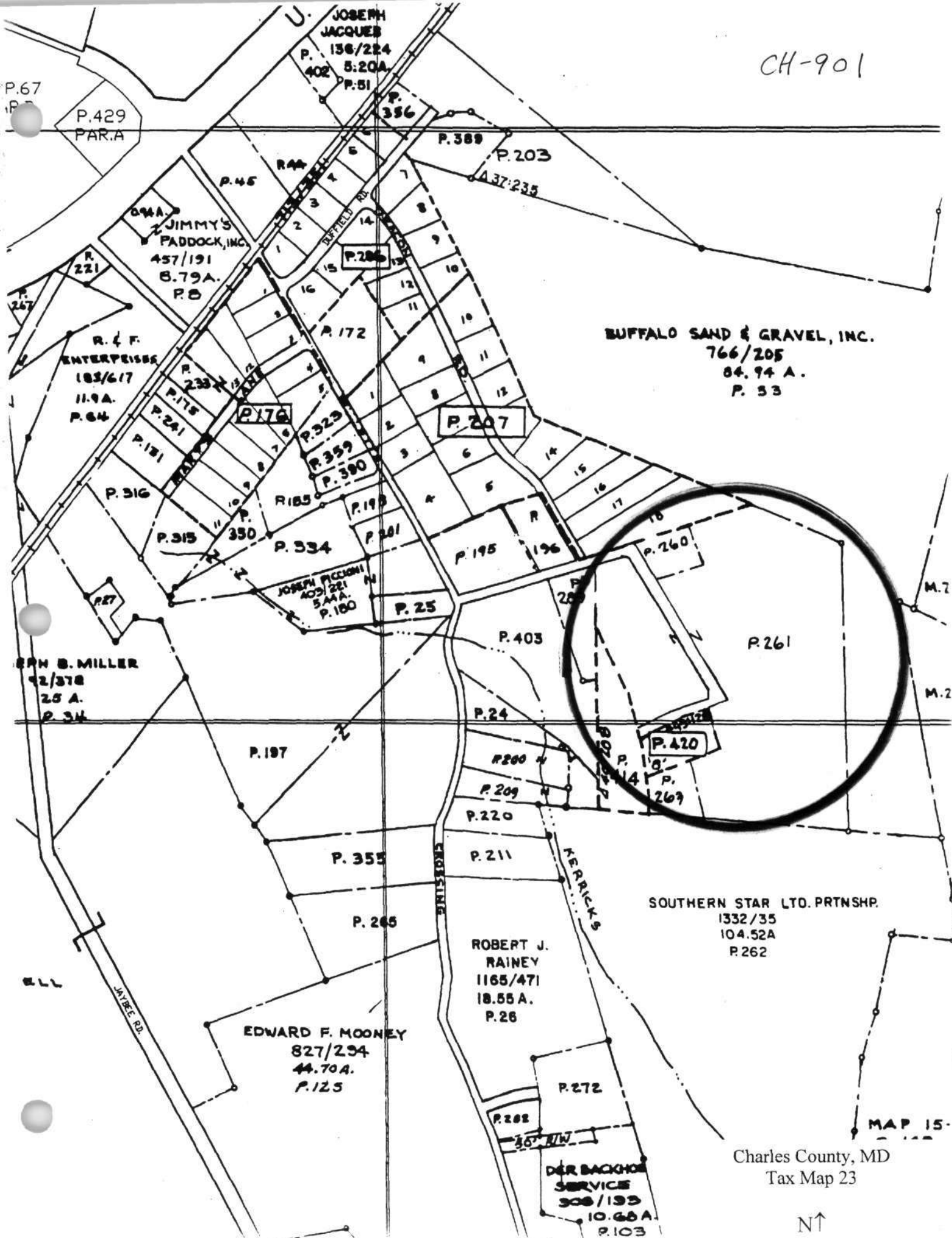
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Charles County's late 19th- and early 20th-century history is dominated by industrial and urban development. The greatest impact upon community growth came from the railroad. The completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B&P) mainline from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872 prompted local entrepreneurs to establish stores and other commercial facilities near the railroad stations. The B&P Railroad also made inland farms accessible, thus, increasing their value and revitalizing the practice of agriculture in Southern Maryland. The B&P Railroad's La Plata station still stands at the intersection of the rail line with Charles Street.

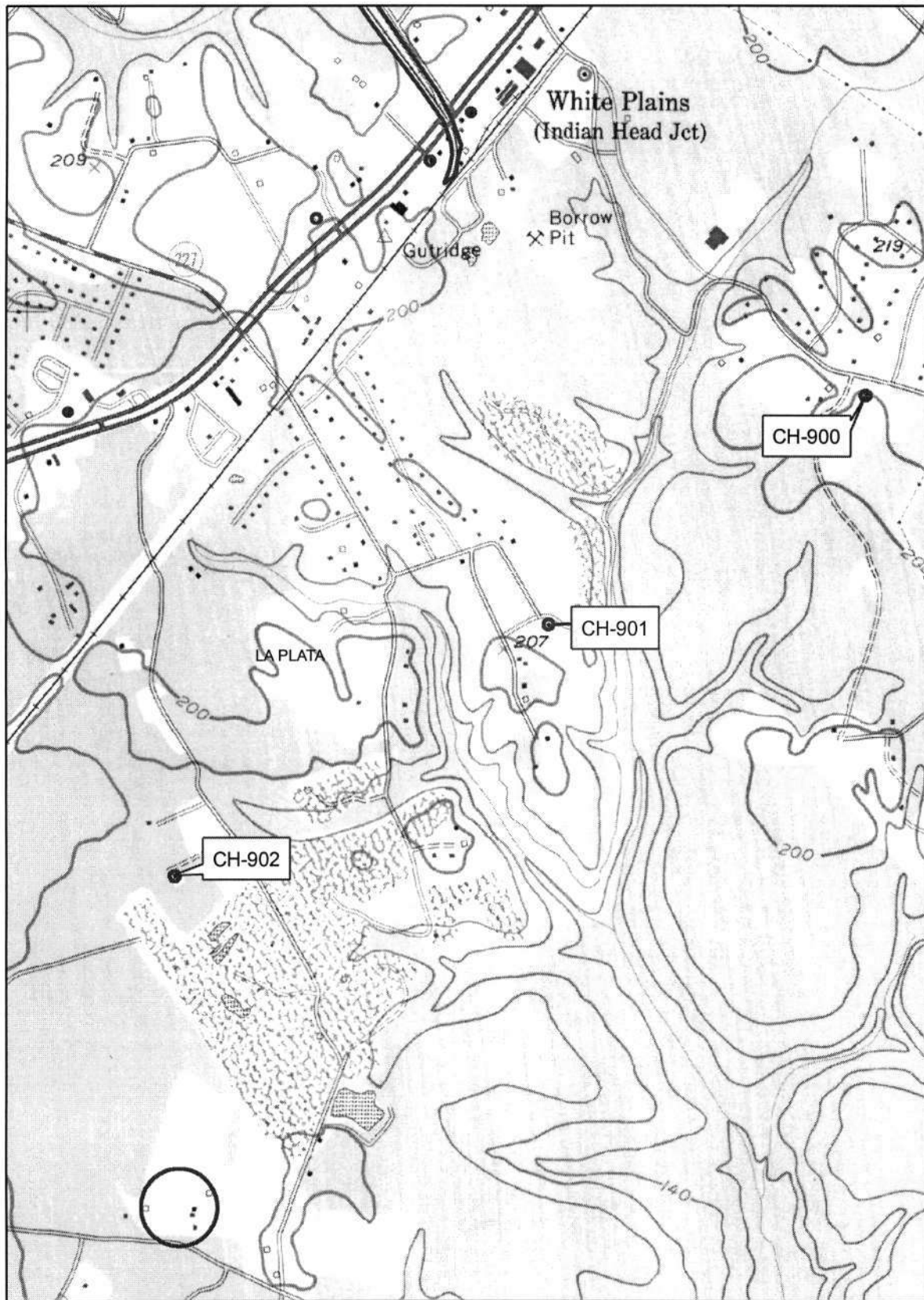
Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments also contributed to Charles County's community evolution. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

The c.1880 farm complex is not eligible for the National Register. While this farm complex is an earlier example of the residential and agricultural development surrounding U.S. 301, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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